



# The State of South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs

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*Via (Electronic Mail Only - emcmilion3@gmail.com)*

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**RE: Response to Request to Carry Over: Docket 2019-331-E**

Dear Mr. McMilion:

The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (the "Department") is in receipt of your Motion to Carry Over in Docket No. 2019-331-E, electronically filed with the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") on March 17, 2020. In the document, you ask that I, as the Administrator and Consumer Advocate for the Department of Consumer Affairs, issue an opinion regarding Docket Nos. 2018-379-E, 2019-230-E, and 2019-331-E. While sympathetic to your concerns, the Department is not a party to this matter and accordingly respectfully declines to provide the requested commentary.

The Department receives service of filings made with the Commission for notice purposes only and does not have the statutory authority or resources to participate in every matter that comes before the Commission. Pursuant to South Carolina law, the Department has discretion in determining when to provide legal representation of the consumer interest in proceedings that could impact consumers' utility rates. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 37-6-604. Only after the Department intervenes in a matter does it become a party. The Department has not intervened in Docket No. 2019-331-E and does not plan to do so.

I hope this clarifies the Department's statutory authority and role. Feel free to let me know of any questions.

Best regards,

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